

**House File 2291 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to protected traits or characteristics of  
2 students under public and nonpublic school harassment and  
3 bullying prohibitions and policies.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 280.28, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code  
2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. *“Trait or characteristic of the student”* includes but  
4 is not limited to age, color, creed, national origin, race,  
5 religion, marital status, sex, ~~sexual orientation, gender~~  
6 ~~identity~~, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or  
7 disability, ancestry, political party preference, political  
8 belief, socioeconomic status, or familial status.

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EXPLANATION

10 This bill strikes sexual orientation and gender identity  
11 from the definition of the term “trait or characteristic of the  
12 student” used for purposes of protecting students in public and  
13 nonpublic schools from harassment and bullying.